

REMARKS

The inventor wishes to thank the examiner for the careful examination and to respectfully request reconsideration of this application.

Claims 28-51 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.126 as being mis-numbered. This objection is respectfully traversed. The present application is a continuation of S.N. 10/113,672 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,694,566), which was filed with claims 14-27. The '672 application was itself a continuation of S.N. 07/901,684, which contained claims 1-13. Thus, it is submitted that the current numbering is correct and need not be renumbered.

Claims 30-34, 42, 45, 46, 50 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. To expedite prosecution of this application, those claims are now cancelled.

Claims 28-51 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

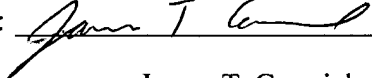
If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T3488-908163US02).

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